



Docket No. 558-9-10-1

# DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled EXERCISE APPARATUS AND TECHNIQUE, the specification of which

is attached hereto. was filed on June 14, 1996	as
Application Serial No. 08/665,076	
and was amended on (if applicable	:).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign	n Application(s)		Priority	Claimed
(Number)	(Country)	Day/Month/YearFiled	l Yes	No
(Number)	(Country)	Day/Month/YearFiled	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or prior international filing date of this application.

08/494,528	6-23-95	Pending
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status-patented pending, abandoned)
08/271,022	7-6-94	Pending .
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status-patented pending, abandoned)
08/089,852	7-9-93	Pending
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status-patented pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the





like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor
Frank Edward Joutras
Inventor's signature
Date 4/29/96
Residence 1515 Smith Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502
Citizenship United States of America
Post Office Address 1515 Smith Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Full name of second joint inventor, if any
Ronald J. Hruska, Jr.
Second inventor's signature Jonald J. January
Date Sept 10, 1996.
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Citizenship United States of America
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Applicant

or Patentee: Frank Edward Joutras and Ronald J. Hruska, Jr.

Serial or Patent No:

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FOR: EXERCISE APPARATUS AND TECHNIQUE

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SWALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declars that I am

< > the owner of the small business concern identified below:

<X> an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Same of Concern Kinetecs, Inc.

Address of Concern 1225 "L" Street

Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 15, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500

I hereby declars that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled EXERCISE APPREATUS AND TECHNIQUE, by inventors Frank E. Joutres and Ronald J. Hruska, Jr., described in:

<X> the specification filed herewith.

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If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not quality as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) small business concern which would not quality as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.19(d) or a nonprofit organisation under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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< > Individual < > Small Business < > Nonprofit Concern Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or, at the time of paying, the earliest of the value fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both; and that such willful false statements may loopardise the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Name of Person Signing	Frank Edward Joutras
Title of Person Other Than	Owner President
Address of Person Signing	2300 South 38th Street
	Lincoln, Nebraska 68506
Signature $\geq 2 \leq 1$	Date 6/13/96



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HRUSKA, RONALD J. JR.

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KINETECS, INC. 1225 "L" STREET SUITE 100 LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68508

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#### **ASSIGNMENT**

We, the undersigned, agree that:

- (1) this assignment includes two separate parts, each identical to the other, assigning two separate interests by corresponding ones of two inventors to such "invention";
- (2) each part may be separately signed and attached to one copy of this page to constitute one agreement, if the part is executed, with a copy of this page attached;
- (3) this agreement shall be treated as a single agreement signed by two inventors;
- (4) the consideration stated in each part for the assignment of the corresponding inventor's interest is as stated in the inventor's part of this agreement and for the assignment of the other inventors; and
- (5) the inventors executing this agreement are each transferring to Kinetecs, Inc., a corporation of the State of Nebraska, having a place of business at 1225 "L" Street, Suite 100, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, all of their right, title and interest to the application for U.S. patent entitled EXERCISE APPARATUS AND TECHNIQUE, as specified more completely in each of the following parts. The inventors are:

FOR	NAME
Part 1	Frank Edward Joutras
Part 2	Ronald Hruska, Jr.

Application

Serial Number: <u>08/665,076</u>

Filed : <u>June 14, 1996</u>

## PART 1 ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, I, Frank Edward Joutras, of 1515 Smith Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502, hereby sell, assign and transfer to Kinetecs, Inc., a corporation of the State of Nebraska, having a place of business at 1225 "L" Street, Suite 100, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements and inventions which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, serial no. 08/665,076, filed June 14, 1996, and is entitled EXERCISE APPARATUS AND TECHNIQUE, it being the only application filed by the applicant on that day with the same title, and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said improvements and inventions; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements and inventions;

Agree that said assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said improvements and inventions in its own name; and that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other patent applications on any and all said improvements and inventions; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to said assignee, its successors, assigns and representatives, all facts known to the undersigned relating to said improvements and inventions and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said assignee, its successors, assigns or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing maintaining proper patent protection for said improvements and inventions and for vesting title to said improvements and inventions and all applications for patents and all patents on said improvements and inventions, in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; and

Covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

Frank Edward Joutras

State of Nebraska

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County of Lancaster

OFFICIAL SEAL ROBERT W. TEWES Notary Public - Nebraska LANCASTER COUNTY My Commission Expires May 2, 1998

Before me this 29th days 1998
personally appeared Frank Edward Joutras to me
personally known to be the person who is described in
and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged
to me that he executed the same of his own free will for
the purpose therein set forth.

-- Our Ref: 558-9-9-1

## PART 2 ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, I, Ronald J. Hruska, Jr., of 8831 Avon Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505, hereby sell, assign and transfer to Kinetecs, Inc., a corporation of the State of Nebraska, having a place of business at 1225 "L" Street, Suite 100, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements and inventions which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, serial no. 08/665,076, filed June 14, 1996, and is entitled EXERCISE APPARATUS AND TECHNIQUE, it being the only application filed by the applicant on that day with the same title, and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said improvements and inventions; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements and inventions;

Agree that said assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said improvements and inventions in its own name; and that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other patent applications on any and all said improvements and inventions; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to said assignee, its successors, assigns and representatives, all facts known to the undersigned relating to said improvements and inventions and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said assignee, successors, assigns or representatives consider desirable for aiding in securing maintaining proper patent protection for said improvements and inventions and for vesting title to said improvements and inventions and all applications for patents and all patents on said improvements and inventions, in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; and

Covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

Romald J. Hruska Jr.

State of Nebraska

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County of Lancaster

Before me this 10 day of leptender, 1996, personally appeared Ronald J. Hruska, Jr., to me personally known to be the person who is described in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

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